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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SEATTLE

10 COASTAL TRANSPORTATION,  
11 INC.,

Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 EAST WEST SEAFOODS LLC,

14 Defendant.

CASE NO. C17-1555JLR

ORDER

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16 Plaintiff Coastal Transportation, Inc. ("Coastal") brought this action against  
17 Defendant East West Seafoods LLC ("EWS") for alleged failure to pay for freight  
18 services. (Compl. (Dkt. # 1) ¶¶ 4.1-4.5.) In its answer, EWS asserted various affirmative  
19 defenses (Ans. (Dkt. # 6) ¶¶ 6.1-6.4) and additionally brought a counter claim, alleging  
20 that Coastal wrongfully charged EWS's credit card without EWS's authorization (*id.*  
21 ¶¶ 7.1-7.5).

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1 On January 17, 2018, EWS's counsel, Harold Thoreen, at the request of EWS's  
2 Governor Christos Tsabouris, filed a motion to withdraw. (Mot. (Dkt. # 8); *see* 1st  
3 Thoreen Decl. (Dkt. # 9) ¶¶ 3-4.) Mr. Thoreen provided Mr. Tsabouris with a copy of  
4 Local Civil Rule 83.2(b)(4). (1st Thoreen Decl. ¶ 5.) Local Civil Rule 83.2(b)(4) states:

5 A business entity . . . must be represented by counsel . . . [F]ailure to obtain  
6 a replacement attorney by the date the withdrawal is effective may result in  
7 the dismissal of the business entity's claims for failure to prosecute and/or  
8 entry of default against the business entity as to any claims of other parties.

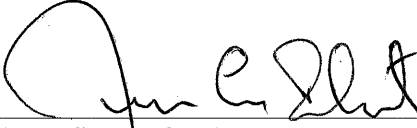
9 Local Rules W.D. Wash. LCR 83.2(b)(4).

10 The court granted Mr. Thoreen's motion to withdraw on January 26, 2018.  
11 (Order (Dkt. # 11).) The court ordered Mr. Thoreen to provide EWS with a copy  
12 of the order and stayed the action for 30 days—time for EWS to find replacement  
13 counsel and have him or her file a notice of appearance to keep from running afoul  
14 of Local Civil Rule 83.2(b)(4). (*See id.* at 1-2.) The court cautioned EWS that if  
15 it failed to obtain a replacement attorney within the allotted time, the court would  
16 enter default against it. (*Id.* at 2.) Mr. Thoreen emailed, sent via certified mail,  
17 and subsequently, at Mr. Tsabouris's request, faxed a copy of the court's order to  
18 EWS. (2d Thoreen Decl. (Dkt. # 12) ¶¶ 1-3, Exs. 1-2 (attaching email, fax cover  
19 sheet and fax confirmation).) Mr. Thoreen subsequently filed a signed return  
20 receipt of the certified mail, indicating that Mr. Tsabouris had received the order.  
21 (3rd Thoreen Decl. (Dkt. # 14) ¶ 1, Ex. 1.)

22 More than 30 days have passed since the court's order, and no replacement  
attorney has appeared on behalf of EWS. (*See* Dkt.) Accordingly, the court

1 DISMISSES EWS's counter claim against Coastal and further DIRECTS the clerk  
2 to ENTER DEFAULT against EWS. *See* Local Rules W.D. Wash. LCR  
3 83.2(b)(4).

4 Dated this <sup>th</sup> 13 day of March, 2018.

  
JAMES L. ROBART  
United States District Judge